

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A service providing system comprising:

at least one service providing apparatus for processing information to provide a service;

at least one service requesting apparatus for processing information to request the service from the service providing apparatus; and

at least one service mediating apparatus connected to the service providing apparatus and the service requesting apparatus via a network,

wherein the service requesting apparatus receives a voice input indicating an instruction as to a service requested by a user of the service requesting apparatus,

wherein the service mediating apparatus specifies a service providing apparatus which is to perform a process corresponding to the instruction,

wherein based on the specified service providing apparatus, the service mediating apparatus specifies a speech recognition engine ~~an information processing apparatus~~ which is to recognize a voice input from said user, and

wherein the specified service providing apparatus processes information to provide a service based on speech recognition performed by the speech recognition engine.

wherein the service mediating apparatus includes a table having a plurality of entries defining corresponding relationships between service providing apparatuses and speech recognition engines each of which recognizes particular speech, and wherein said table is used by the service mediating apparatus to select one of said speech recognition engines which recognizes particular speech corresponding to the instruction.~~specified information processing apparatus.~~

Claims 2 and 3 (canceled).

a1 4. (currently amended) The system of claim 3~~1~~, wherein the corresponding ~~relationship is~~relationships are described by a voice extended markup language.

5. (original) The system of claim 4, wherein information described by the voice extended markup language includes information specifying an execution condition for recognizing a voice.

6. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~information processing apparatus~~speech recognition engine which is to recognize the voice is connected to the network.

7. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the service requesting apparatus is an information processing apparatus usable in a moving vehicle.

8. (currently amended) A service mediating apparatus connected via a network to at least one service requesting apparatus for processing information to request the service from the service providing apparatus, the service mediating apparatus comprising:

means for receiving, via the network, a voice input indicating an instruction as to a service requested by a user of the service requesting apparatus, the voice input having been received by the service requesting apparatus;

ai means for specifying a service providing apparatus which is to perform a process corresponding to the instruction; and

means for specifying ~~an information processing apparatus~~ a speech recognition engine which is to recognize a voice input from the user based on the specified service providing apparatus,

wherein the specified service providing apparatus processes information to provide a service based on speech recognition performed by the ~~specified information processing apparatus~~ speech recognition engine, and

a table having a plurality of entries defining corresponding relationships between service providing apparatuses and speech recognition engines each of which recognizes particular speech,

wherein said table is used by the service mediating apparatus to select one of said speech recognition engines which recognizes particular speech corresponding to the instruction.

Claims 9 and 10 (canceled).

11. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the corresponding ~~relationship is~~ relationships are described by a voice extended markup language.

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein information described by the voice extended markup language includes information specifying an execution condition for recognizing a voice.

al 13. The apparatus of claim 10, comprising:
means for connecting, via the network, with the ~~information processing apparatus~~ speech recognition engine which is to recognize the voice.

14. A service mediating apparatus for processing information to mediate service, the service mediating apparatus comprising:
a receiving device for receiving user voice information indicating an instruction as to a service requested by a user of a service requesting apparatus;
a storage device for storing a program for specifying a service corresponding to an instruction indicated by the voice information and, based on the specified service, specifying a speech recognition program for recognizing the voice information;

a processing device for, according to said program, specifying the service corresponding to the instruction indicated by the user voice information and, based on the specified service, specifying a speech recognition program which is to recognize the voice information, the processing device being connected to the receiving device and the storage device; and

an output device for outputting information for recognizing the user voice information to a speech recognition engine ~~an information processing apparatus~~ which is to recognize a voice according to the specified speech recognition program,

a1 wherein the program includes a table having a plurality of entries defining corresponding relationships between services and speech recognition engines each of which recognizes particular speech, and

wherein said table is used by the service mediating apparatus to select one of said speech recognition engines which recognizes particular speech corresponding to the instruction.

Claim 15 (canceled).

16. (currently amended)The apparatus of claim 4314, wherein the corresponding ~~relationship is~~relationships are described by a voice extended markup language.

17. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the apparatus connects with ~~the~~an information processing apparatus having ~~a~~the speech recognition engine via a network.

18. (original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the storage device holds a speech recognition program, and the processing device recognizes the user voice information using the speech recognition program held by the storage device.

19. (original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the receiving device is connectable to a service requesting apparatus through a network to receive the user voice information from the service requesting apparatus through the network.
